18. Al-Fattah
(The Opener)

"When a door of understanding is opened to your heart, value it more than a thousand days of voluntary worship."

- Imam al-Ghazali (1058-1111 CE)
Source: "Ihya Ulum al-Din"
(Revival of Religious Sciences)

Anyone who places both hands on his chest before Fajr Salaah and says this Attribute of Allah 70 times, his heart will be illuminated with the noor of Imaan, Insha AIIah - Al Hisnul Hasin

BI'ISMIHI TA'AALA

Asmaa ul Husna

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AL-FATTAAH ﷻ (THE BEING WHO OPENS THE DOORS OF MERCY FOR ALL ﷻ)

Fath refers to opening a door. That is why a key is referred to as miftaah (instrument to open.) Thus, Al-Fattaah ﷻ is that Being who opens the doors of sustenance and mercy for His ﷻ servants. He ﷻ solves their matters of intricacies and opens avenues for them. He ﷻ opens their hearts and their internal eyes, so that they can recognize the truth. Another person has stated, "Al-Fattaah ﷻ is that Being who does not close the doors of bounties due to sin and He ﷻ does not halt bestowing favours on man by him forgetting Allaah ﷻ."

Others have said,
"Al-Fattaah is that Being who opens the hearts of the believers with His recognition and He ﷻ opens the doors of His forgiveness for the sinners.
Al-Fattaah ﷻ is He who (opens) solves all difficulties and problems.
Al-Fattaah ﷻ is He who opens the heart for the acceptance of truth.
Al-Fattaah ﷻ is He who makes knowledge flow on the tongues.
Al-Fattaah ﷻ is He who removes the veils from the eyes by means of knowledge.
Al-Fattaah ﷻ is He who judges between the people of truth and falsehood.
Al-Fattaah ﷻ is He who makes apparent the truth of the truthful ones and who exposes to all the reality of the liars.

Allamah Khattaabi states, "Al-Fattaah is the Being who arbitrates between His servants." This is because He opens and separates the truth from falsehood.

Ahmad Ibn Abu Ghaalib ﷺ was a pious person of the sixth century. People would come to him generally to request for duaas. Once a

person came to him and said regarding a certain item, “Ask so-and-so to give me that item.” Ahmed ﷺ said, “My brother! Stand with me! Why don’t we perform two raka’ts of salaah and ask Allaah ﷻ only? Why should an open door be left and why should we turn to closed doors?” Definitely the doors of Al-Fattaah ﷻ are open at every moment. It is due to the weakness of our imaan and conviction that we desert His door, and we stand disgraced by the closed doors of the creation.

The famous taabi’i, Ataa Ibn Abi Rabaah ﷺ says, “Once, Taaoos saw me going to a governor. He said to me,

... يَا عَطَاءُ! إِيَّاكَ أَنْ تَرْفَعَ حَوَائِجَكَ إِلٰى مَنْ أَغْلَقَ فِيْ وَجهِكَ بَابَه

وَأَقَامَ دُوْنَكَ حُجَّابَه

وَ إِنَّمَا اطْلُبْهَا مِمَّنْ أَشْرَعَ لَكَ أَبْوَابُه

وَطَالَبَكَ بِأَنْ تَدْعُوَهُ ... وَوَعَدَكَ بِالإِجَابَة

O Ataa, abstain from placing your needs before the one who will close his door in your face .... and he who has kept door keepers at his door .Only ask of your need to the one who has kept His doors open for you. He ﷻ asks you to call to Him ﷻ, and He ﷻ has promised to answer you (i.e. to accept your duas).